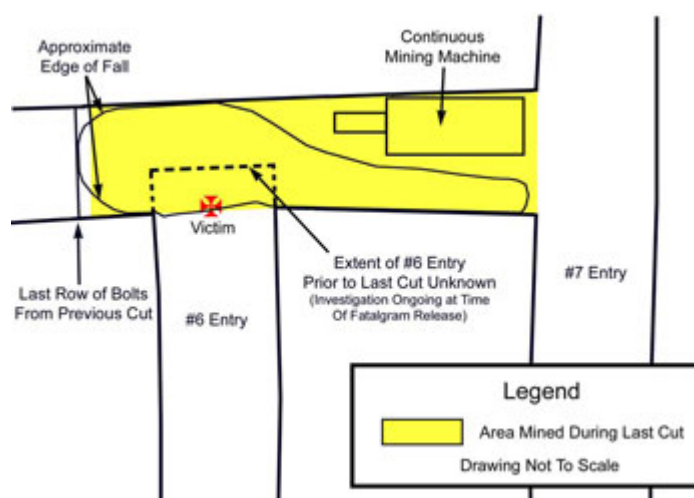




Fatality #3 - March 31, 2005
Roof Fall - Underground - WV
Coal River Mining LLC - Tiny Creek No. 2

COAL MINE FATALITY - On Thursday, March 31, 2005, a 49-year old continuous mining machine operator was fatally injured at an underground mine. The victim started mining in the crosscut between the Nos. 5 and 6 entries and continued to the No. 7 entry intersection, a distance of approximately 65 feet. As he was cleaning up coal in the crosscut, a roof fall measuring approximately 22 feet by 20 feet and 5 to 6 feet thick crushed the victim as he stood at the outby edge of the unsupported intersection in the No. 6 entry. The victim had approximately 28 years of mining experience, 5 months of which were at this mine.



Best Practices

- Know and follow the approved roof control plan.
- Never travel under unsupported roof.
- Never employ mining methods that result in exposing miners to the hazards of unsupported roof.
- Be alert to changing roof conditions at all times.

This is the third fatality reported during calendar year 2005 in the coal mining industry. As of this date in 2004, there were eight fatalities reported in coal mining. This is the first fatality classified as Fall of Roof or Back in 2005. There were no fatalities in this category at this time in 2004.

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